# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# AGRICULTURE
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2845
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LOSS OF CROP DUE TO SHORTAGE OF WATER
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether a huge chunk of standing crops in Tamil Nadu could not be saved due to lack of water;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have initiated steps in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons for the same?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. State Government of Tamil Nadu has reported that due to lack of water, major crops like paddy, millets, pulses, cotton, sugarcane and oilseeds suffered 100 per cent yield loss in 283064 hectare and 50 per cent and above yield loss in 307148 hectare.

(c) to (e): Due to the current year drought, the Central Government has released an amountof Rs.171.66 crore towards agriculture Input Subsidy for damage to the crops.

State Government has taken action to optimize use of available water in reservoirs andfarmers have been advised to sow short duration crops like pulses, millets, oilseeds, vegetables and also to follow rice fallow − cotton / pulses where paddy is under harvest.